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TAKE NOTE

AFA banquet

Astronaut and pilot, Brig. Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., is the guest speaker at the annual Air Force Association Exceptional Performers Awards Banquet, May 10. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Club McClellan Ballroom. Call 643-2015 or fax 643-4326 by Friday to RSVP for this event. The cost is E1-E5, \$15; E5-E8, \$18; and all others \$20.

CCAF Graduation

The Spring 2000 commencement exercise of the Community College of the Air Force is May 11, 10 a.m., at the Base Chapel. Base employees are invited to attend. The education office will open at 1:30 p.m. on this date.

McClellan clinic closure

Due to the medical group inactivation, services are limited today. Morning sick call is available until 8 a.m. All other services are closed, including the pharmacy. Normal hours resume Friday. Call 643-7212; option 4 for non-emergency concerns. For emergencies, call 911.

For more information, call 643-8055.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"

Doctor conquers marathon

**Story and photo by
Alica Doyle**

Staff Writer

A McClellan doctor recently visited Boston, Mass. to push his limits and realize a goal three years in the making.

"Sore!" said Maj. Alan Anzai, 77th Medical Group, explaining how it feels to complete one the most famous tests of will and endurance known to the modern world. "You kind of hobble to your hotel room, but the next day you try to get up out of bed and you're pretty sore," he elaborated.

More than 16,000 athletes and nearly one million spectators participated in the 104th annual Boston Marathon, April 17. This year's field of runners is the second-largest in the marathon's history.

Anzai, competing in the open category, finished the race with a very respectable time of 3:10:38.

Though modest about his performance,



Maj. Alan Anzai

Anzai crossed the finish line a mere one hour and one minute behind the race's overall winner, Elijah Lagat of Kenya. According to marathon officials, runners continued to stream across the finish line for several hours after Lagat and Anzai; some of them finishing late that evening.

While Anzai said he never hit the infamous "wall", a point where a runner's body tells the brain that it can't go any further; he faced his own

test about halfway through the race.

Experiencing significant pain in his leg, Anzai drew strength from the sea of spectators.

"It started hurting, but the crowds were just so good, you can't stop. I just pushed through it," he said.

Anzai set his goal of qualifying for the Boston Marathon three years ago when he revitalized his interest in running to

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Partnership commits to future

By Debra Ward

Organization Development Consultant

The Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees Council 214 Partnership Council is meeting at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, Wednesday and May 11.

The council is committed to deliver the highest quality products and services to the American public through an equal partnership. The group is dedicated to pursuing so-

lutions that promote partnership throughout the command, improving the quality of life for AFMC personnel, increasing work quality, and empowering employees to work effectively and efficiently. The AFMC/AFGE partnership is built on the following principles: value and respect all members of the AFMC workforce and the unions; identify and focus on common interests and shared problems rather than on exclusive rights and conflicting positions; share information freely in the

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Government travel cards a must for DoD employees

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Starting this week, with some exceptions, Department of Defense personnel must use the government travel card for expenses arising from official government travel.

The new rules make the use of the travel card mandatory for most DoD military and civilian personnel. Government-wide exemptions include employees who have an application pending for the travel charge card; people traveling on invitational travel orders; and new appointees. The law authorizes agency-specific exemptions as well, and Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) William J. Lynn approved the following for DoD:

- Members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps and service members undergoing basic training or initial skill training prior to reporting to their first permanent duty station.

- Military and DoD civilians denied travel cards or whose cards have been canceled or suspended for financial irresponsibility or other reasons.

- Prisoners.

- Exemptions approved by heads of DoD components for military and DoD civilians during war, a national emergency declared by the president or Congress; mobilization, deployment or contingency operations.

- Military or DoD civilians traveling to or in a foreign country where the political, financial or communications infrastructure does not support the use of a travel card.

- Military or DoD civilians whose use of the travel card due to operational, security or other mission requirements, would pose a threat to national security, endanger the life or safety of themselves or others, or would compromise a law enforcement activity.

- Direct and indirect hire foreign nationals.

- Individuals employed or appointed on a temporary or intermittent basis when the individual's supervisor or other appropriate officials determine the duration or other circumstances pertaining to the employment or appointment does not justify issuing a travel card.

DoD has authorized exempted personnel to use personal funds or a personal charge card, travel advances and government travel requests. Though individuals may be exempt from the mandatory use rule, those with cards in good standing may still use them voluntarily for official travel expenses.

While the travel card is to be used for such big-ticket items as hotel stays, transportation tickets and car rentals, government travelers are not required to use the cards for the following:

- Local transportation fares, taxis, parking, laundry and dry cleaning; expenses incurred at a vendor who doesn't accept the card; meals in restaurants that don't accept the card, group dining situations and other meals when use of the card would be impractical; telephone calls, when a government calling card is available for use in accordance with agency policy.

In addition, DoD personnel need not use the card for expenses covered by any expense contained within the meals and incidentals portion of the per diem allowance or for local and long distance telephone calls. The amendment also requires timely reimbursement of travel expenses. It requires agencies to pay interest to travelers whose travel vouchers are not paid within 30 calendar days. The only exception is when the payment would be less than \$1. Until travel payment systems can be modified to meet this requirement, the individual traveler must determine if an interest payment is due and request payment. Interest paid will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as additional wages. DoD must reimburse travelers for any late fees the travel card contractor would have charged had the traveler not paid the bill on time.

For more information on DoD's Travel Card Program, visit the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <http://www.dfas.mil> or the Bank of America site at <http://www.bankofamerica.com/government>

How GTC changes affect McClellan employees

Mandatory use of the government travel card went into effect Monday. The following changes are significant:

- The reverse side of the DD Form 1610 has been revised and is available in the Financial Services Office, Bldg. 269B or on the Web at www-int.mcclellan.af.mil/FM/FMF, click on Travel Pay, then click on DD Form 1610 Reverse.

- Travelers must continue to obtain flight reservations or purchase airline tickets through the Commercial Ticket Office, Omega Travel, located in Bldg. 269B. No other source is authorized.

For more information, call Senior Airman Les Collier, GTC agency program coordinator at 643-4141.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

General Lyles takes command of AFMC

■ Vows people support, continued cost control and next level of business excellence

By Staff Sgt. Carl Norman

AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- A simple and tradition-filled ceremony allowed hundreds of well wishers gathered at the Air Force Museum here April 20, to bid farewell to the outgoing and welcome the incoming commander to Air Force Materiel Command.

Gen. Lester L. Lyles accepted the command guideon and leadership of the Air Force's largest and most diverse command from Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, during the hour-long ceremony. Gen. George T. Babbitt relinquished his three-year command and retired after three and one-half decades of service.

"Just as the Wright brothers proved their flying machine concepts at the turn of the last century, Gen. Babbitt has implemented new concepts to keep our Air Force in tip top fighting shape," Ryan said of Babbitt's more than \$2 billion savings to the Air Force. "He has been on the forefront on solidifying the efficiency of our business affairs, improving cost accountability and creating agile combat support. The dedicated men and women of this command have all been a part of an exciting and successful time because of his leadership."

Ryan then welcomed Lyles, saying he's the right man for the job, and jokingly added his only flaw is being a dedicated Washington Redskin's fan.

"Gen. Lyles' assignment as the new commander of Air Force Materiel Command is a natural," Ryan said. "His depth of experience in acquisition and logistics, in so many varied and important Air Force assignments, and in the joint environment, will serve this command and our nation well."

These comments followed an introductory monologue from ceremony narrator

Chief Master Sgt. Dana Steinhauser, public affairs director for the United States Air Force Band at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. His words told of Wright-Patterson's history-filled past.

"Other than that day in 1903 on a hill in North Carolina where there just happened to be a good breeze, this is where it all happened," the chief said.

Steinhauser introduced the Air Force Honor Guard, who paid tribute to Babbitt, with a silent drill team demonstration that drew repeated applause from the crowd. Babbitt then received

the Distinguished Service Medal from Ryan and passed the AFMC banner on to Lyles.

"Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined the opportunity to serve in this capacity," Lyles said after accepting command, which happened to occur on his birthday.

He said his first priority is to do everything he can to support the people in the command - not just the military members and their civilian counterparts, but their families and the communities that surround each AFMC base.

He also spoke of four mandates he brings to his new position.

"First is to continue the great legacy of Gen. George Babbitt, in business area management and emphasis on cost control in a cost culture," he said. "You (Babbitt) returned millions of dollars to Air Force coffers to allow us to do other things, something the Air Force will cherish for many years to come."

Lyles said he'd also continue to focus on supporting the warfighter in terms of logistics, maintenance, sustainment and supply, "the kind of support that made the war over Kosovo so successful."

Taking this command to the next level in acquisition excellence and science and tech-



Air Force photo by Dave Levingston

Gen. Lester L. Lyles and his wife Mina (front, center), followed by Gen. George T. Babbitt and his wife Louise, pass through a cordon of Air Force Materiel Command chief master sergeants in preparation for Lyles' assumption of command of AFMC.

nology are two other mandates for AFMC's new commander.

"I think a lot of people have forgotten that AFMC has a major acquisition role," he said. "Reinstating excellence in this area is making sure when people think about acquisition excellence, acquisition reform and acquisition innovation, they think of AFMC."

Regarding science and technology, Lyles said there's no particular that needs to be emphasized, the broad category is important to him and to the Air Force.

"What I hope to do is forge new and better partnerships with the various agencies within the Department of Defense and other federal government agencies like NASA to help support our technology objectives," he said to media representatives following the ceremony. "I'm one who believes we can do a lot with closer partnerships, even with the limited funds we have."

Lyles has served in many acquisition and logistics positions during his 32-year career and comes to AFMC following a year-long tour as the Air Force vice chief of staff.

The general holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Howard University and a master's degree in mechanical and nuclear engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. (AFMCNS)

Officials announce quarterly award winners

By Sandra Kosmatin
Staff Writer

McClellan Air Force Base's company grade officer, senior noncommissioned officer, noncommissioned officer and airman for the first quarter of 2000 were announced April 24.

The four quarterly award winners and nominees were honored at the awards luncheon held at the McClellan Community Center.

Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Crystal Gomez is a physical therapy journeyman for the 77th Medical Operations Squadron. Gomez has proven herself to be a leader in the clinic by ensuring patients appointments were uninterrupted during the absence of the regular therapist.

Her proactive approach has raised the concern for care, streamlined processes, and increased access to care in a timely manner.

In 1999, Gomez was recognized for her outstanding performance when she won Air Force Materiel Command Physical Therapy Technician of the Year.

She has dedicated many hours of her free time to the "Ride-to-Walk" program. Through the use of horses, she helped restore the motivation of 60 disabled children requiring physical therapy to enhance their balance, strength and coordination.

Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. William Schweizerhof is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the military working dog section, 77th Security Forces Squadron. Schweizerhof used his problem solving skills to coordinate the transfer of munition accounts for explosive training aids to Travis Air Force Base. He continues to excel in simplifying and reducing his section's paperwork by continually standardizing and implementing new procedures.

Schweizerhof believes education is very important; therefore, he is actively pursuing his degree in Criminal Justice. He strongly believes in the importance of working with the young and less fortunate members of the community. To show his support for the community, he assists his church in preparing 380 food baskets weekly for under privileged families and homeless in the Sacramento area.

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Master Sgt. Steve Diamond is the superintendent for training and resources, 77th Security Forces Squadron. Diamond has proven to be the "best of the best" by giving 110 percent to achieve and supersede mission objectives. He managed 29 individual and team deployments to the Persian Gulf Region and led the wing by maintaining the

highest Southwest Asia deployment operations tempo in the Sacramento Air Logistics Center. Diamond instituted a train-the-trainer cadre program and met wartime training for 950 wing and SM-ALC troops.

His leadership qualities kicked into gear when he coordinated and planned the 77th Support Group's quarterly sports day. He continued to lead the way by planning and organizing McClellan's first unit level formal retreat ceremony of the millennium.

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

1st Lt. Sanjit Singii, is a contracting officer for the directorate of contracting. His stellar leadership and contracting insight have been vital in posturing this center as the base closure and realignment model. Singii has helped eliminate a huge backlog of contracts by training and motivating employees, a process that has been imperative to the center's close out efforts.

As installation project officer for the Air Force Aid Society campaign, Singii strives to set a good example and promote Air Force quality of life.

In addition, he works as a junior achievement volunteer by tutoring third and fourth graders to enhance their basic reading and math skills.

Singii shows great ambition and drive as he currently pursues a master's of science degree in Contracting Management.

Dental clinic services reduced, discontinued

As base closure approaches, dental services offered by the 77th Medical Group must be reduced or discontinued. The Dental Services Flight will no longer offer sick call, emergency services, standby restorative care, cleanings, or examinations for non-active duty personnel beginning Monday.

Emergency dental care for true emergencies can be accessed during the day through sick call held at the 60th Medical Group, David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, and the 9th Medical Group at Beale Air Force Base. Emergency care is available 24-hours a day at Mather Veterans Administration Hospital in Rancho Cordova.

Also, patients may call the 77th Medical Operations Squadron 24-hour support line at 643-7212, and receive a consultation from a dental officer.

For consistent health, it is best to have a family dentist to attend to urgent, annual, and comprehensive dental needs. Unless the member requests otherwise, dental records of non-active duty and their family members will be transferred for storage to DGMCC, Travis AFB beginning Monday.

Records of non-active duty not seen for more than three years and family members not seen for more than two years will be retired to the military personnel records facility. It is recommended that members investigate available dental care options, including the United Concordia Dependent Dental Care Plan at 1-800-866-8499 or www.ucci.com and the Tricare Retiree Dental Program at 1-888-838-8737 or www.ddpdelta.org.

For more information, call 643-5341. (*Information provided by the 77th Dental Services Flight*)

McClellan pharmacy aids Oregon retirees

2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman

Deputy Director, Public Affairs

Thanks to a provision of closure law and the team work of the 77th Medical Group, pharmacy benefits for a group of Oregon retirees will be one of McClellan's lasting legacies.

More than 300 of these retirees have been making the six-hour trek by bus and car from southern Oregon to McClellan to have prescriptions filled. More than 300 miles from the nearest military base, these retirees face a logistical challenge to receive the pharmacy benefits they've been promised and McClellan is uniquely situated to help them.

"We're in a geographically challenging position," says retired Navy Chief Boatswain's Mate Len Gagne, the Retired Activities director for the Bureau of Naval Personnel office in Oregon. "The closest pharmacy to us is at Beale Air Force Base, about 300 miles from here."

According to Federal law, military hospitals with pharmacy services must provide prescription medicine service to military retirees.

"As long as we carry the medicine, we have to provide that service to any retiree with an I.D. card. And we're happy to do it," says Col. Edward Torres, commander of the 77th Medical Group here.

For several years, Gagne's office coordinated a courier service to provide prescriptions for retirees in the area from the Beale pharmacy.

"We kept a database of information on retirees' names, addresses and prescription requirements. We'd send a courier down to Beale with more than 1,000 prescriptions to be filled and he'd come back with the medicines we'd ordered two weeks prior. Then two weeks after that, he'd go back with new prescriptions and pick up another batch," explained Gagne.

A variety of factors caused the courier service to end. This created a difficult situation for hundreds of retirees, many of whom are elderly and in poor health.

"We suddenly faced a situation where we were going to have 80-year-olds in poor health driving six hours over mountain passes in the winter to get their prescriptions," said Gagne. "We were not willing to say 'you're all on your own' and let that happen."

That's when Gagne learned of an interesting twist in the Base

Realignment and Closure laws governing closure bases.

"I learned that McClellan was closing and I found out that if a retiree depends on a pharmacy at a closure base, that retiree becomes eligible for the BRAC benefit," said Gagne.

The BRAC benefit provides continued pharmaceutical service through the National Mail Order Pharmacy or through Tricare-affiliated pharmacies in their local area to retirees after the closure of the base pharmacy on which they relied. As little as one visit to a BRAC pharmacy can establish reliance on that facility. The Oregon retirees plan three.

"Chief Gagne came to us with his proposal to support these retirees from Oregon," said Torres. "It was the right thing to do, so we looked at the numbers and figured out how we could make this happen."

The system Gagne and Torres developed runs like clockwork. Gagne faxes the names and prescription orders for the bus groups ahead of time. The McClellan pharmacy staff prepares the medicines and opens a dedicated window for the group when they arrive. Many of the retirees who would be coming to McClellan's pharmacy were in good health and could drive themselves down. However, many could not.

"People probably thought I was crazy, but I thought it would be a good idea to charter buses for those who can't drive themselves," said Gagne. "We figured our numbers and decided that three charter buses would do the trick. The people who ride, share the cost and we bring one bus per week for three weeks; repeating the process every 90 days."

These retirees become eligible for the BRAC benefit Aug. 1, 2000. After that date, they'll be able to mail order their prescriptions or travel to nearby Tricare retail network pharmacies. Until then, they'll continue to make the bus trips.

"The whole thing happens very smoothly," said Torres. "We provide very quick service to the group and our normal pharmacy operations are unaffected."

"The McClellan folks have been absolutely great!" Gagne said. "I can't say enough about them. They have all been simply fantastic."

"The real heroes are the Oregon retirees," said Torres. "They're the ones fighting for their benefits and it's people like us who will be retirees one day that truly benefit from their sacrifice."

NEWS NOTES

NCOA Auxiliary Meets

The Spirit of Sacramento Auxiliary Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association monthly general membership meeting is May 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Sullivan residence, 3415 Mitchell St. in historic housing.

Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Plans for the upcoming bazaar and Mother's Day carnation sale will be finalized. For more information, call Tammy Sullivan at 568-4123.

NCOA Meets

The Central Valley Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association monthly general membership meeting is Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. at Flashback.

All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Plans for the upcoming bazaar, Special Olympics and Muscular Dystrophy Association Bowl-a-thon will be finalized. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808.

NCOA accepts donations

The annual Noncommissioned Officers Association bazaar is June 3. Donations, including furniture, appliances, electronics, clothing, sports and fitness equipment are being accepted. To donate, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808, Tammy Sullivan at 568-4123, or e-mail james.sullivan@mcclellan.af.mil. Arrangements can be made for pick up or delivery. All proceeds from the bazaar are returned to the base and community programs.

FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 9, at 643-5661. The center is open until 7 p.m. Thursdays. Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Administrative Support Assistant, GS-303-07
Annc#: 2000-59-MS
Close: May 11
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Veterans Administration
POC: Barbara Nelson (925) 372-2120
Remarks: See note.

Position: Program Analyst, GS-343-09
Annc#: 2000-64MS
Close: May 12
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Veterans Administration
POC: Barbara Nelson (925) 372-2120
Remarks: See note.

Position: Public Affairs Specialist - Intern, GS-1035-09 (2 Vacancies)
Annc#: NRCS 00-165
Close: May 15
Location: Davis, CA
Agency: Dept of Agriculture
POC: (202) 720-2631
Remarks: See note.

Position: Environmental Protection Specialist, GS-028-12
Annc#: 00-424-1CP
Close: May 8
Location: Alameda, CA
Agency: Coast Guard
POC: (800) 842-8740
Remarks: See note.

Position: Public Affairs Technician, GS-303-05/07
Annc#: FDA-05181
Close: May 18
Location: Alameda, CA
Agency: Food & Drug Admin

POC: Melinda Saxer (415) 437-7617
Remarks: See note.

Position: Program Analyst, GS-343-07/12
Annc#: OIG-00-158
Close: May 9
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: Health & Human Services
POC: (202) 619-0146
Remarks: See note.

Position: Maintenance Worker, WG-4749-05
Annc#: YOSE-00-40
Close: May 15
Location: Yosemite National Park
Agency: National Park Service
POC: Lynette Mangus (209) 379-1805
Remarks: See note.

Non-Federal Jobs

Position: Control System Technician
Salary: \$4,342 - \$5,241 per month
Close: May 18
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: State of CA
POC: (916) 653-4838
Remarks: Copies of the Job Vacancy are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Position: Audio Visual Specialist (technical)
Salary: \$3,764 - \$4,576 per month
Close: May 18
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: State of CA
POC: (916) 227-7858
Remarks: Copies of the Job Vacancy are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Position: Mechanical Engineering Technician II
Salary: \$3,684 - \$4,476 per month
Close: May 12
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: State of CA
POC: (916) 323-7101
Remarks: Copies of the Job Vacancy are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Position: Apprentice Building Maintenance Mechanic

Salary: \$13.95 - \$22.69 per hour
Close: May 5

Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: SMUD
POC: (916) 732-6046

Remarks: Copies of the Job Vacancy are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Job Fair May 19

The McClellan Community Support Center Transition Assistance Program will sponsor a "Spring-Fling" Job Fair May 19, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the McClellan Community Center, Bldg. 1425.

This job fair is provided as a service to all McClellan Air Force Base personnel and will feature several city, county, state, public and private employers.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Get your resumes updated and reviewed.

For more information, call Mike Truman, Neil Elder, Gina Walker or Joyce Johnson at 643-1106.

FOCUS Center is moving

The FOCUS Center is moving to Bldg. 200, Room 40, located in the basement. The center will be closed Monday and Tuesday, and will reopen for business as usual Wednesday in Bldg. 200.

The new hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The FOCUS center phone numbers and fax number will remain the same.



Movies



Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Anna and the King - Friday

Starring: Jodie Foster, Chow Yun-Fat

English school teacher Anna has traveled thousands of miles to a land that is largely unknown to the western world, Siam. She brings with her an "East vs. West" prejudice but over time discovers that the king is a man of vision, leading Siam to take its place among the modern world. (PG-13 - some violence)

The Ninth Gate - Saturday

Starring: Johnny Depp, Lena Olin

Rare book sleuth Lucas Corso has been hired to find the two other existing copies of the 17th-century "Book of the Nine Doors" to the Kingdom of Darkness, reputed to hold the key to conjuring Satan. Somehow, this search becomes tangled up with the original manuscript of Dumas' Three Musketeers, which has just come into Corso's hands. While in search of the "Book of Nine Doors" he is pursued by a thug and a Kim Novak double. (R - some violence and sexuality)

Here on Earth - Sunday

Starring: Chris Klein, Leelee Sobieski

During one fateful summer, first love blossoms in the Berkshire woods. The romantic triangle that develops is only the beginning of a new journey for Kelley, Samantha and Jasper, their three lives are affected by one another, as they ultimately make life-changing discoveries about themselves and each other. (PG-13 - sexuality)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tae Bo Aerobics, 6:15-7:15 p.m., ages 11 and up, free. Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-6 p.m. Cinco de Mayo Dance, ages 10-13, 6:30-9:30 p.m., members \$2 and nonmembers \$4.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar, noon-5 p.m.; Art Club, noon; skate night, ages 13-18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., members \$2 and nonmembers \$4.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sherwin Tongson

Members of the McClellan community participate in the "Go Fish" fishing expo Saturday at Rafferty Swimming Pool. Nearly 60 youths participated in the event.

Catfish caught at Rafferty Pool

Youths ages 9 to 16 gathered Saturday and cast their fishing lines into the waters of Rafferty Swimming Pool here.

The 58 McClellan youngsters tried their hands at fishing for the 200 catfish and bass stocked in the pool.

They also learned about boating and water safety, casting, cleaning fish and more. Prizes, such as fishing poles, were awarded to first place winners including: Melissa Wheeler for the casting contest, Demetrius Harrington for the

first catch, Myron Hardy for the most fish caught and Jeremy Martin for the first Bass caught.

The remaining fish not caught by the youths were released into the pond at Lawrence Links Golf Course.

The event was sponsored by the youth center and outdoor recreation, and made possible by the numerous volunteers.

(Information provided by the McClellan Youth Center)

Swim team sign ups for youths begin

The McClellan Air Force Base Youth Center is taking registration for the 2000 swim team.

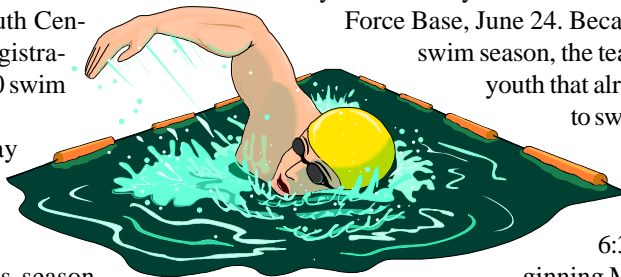
The Stingray team is open to children ages 5 to 18.

Cost for this season will be \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

This swim season will be condensed this

year with only one swim meet at Beale Air Force Base, June 24. Because of the short swim season, the team only accepts youth that already know how to swim. Practice will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning May 30.

Registration packets are available at the youth center. For more information, call 643-2074.



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lose weight and improve his cardiovascular health.

"I ran in high school and in college, but in medical school and residency, I kind of slacked off," said Anzai. "I didn't run or exercise; I became overweight and my cholesterol went up."

According to Anzai, within a year of going back to running, his fitness levels returned to their previous ranges.

In giving advice to novice runners, Anzai

emphasizes the importance of starting slow and building endurance.

"The common thing I see is that people get too gung-ho about it and don't start slowly," said Anzai, "a lot of injuries I see in the clinic are from people going too much into it and then they get discouraged when they get hurt."

"One of the reasons I'm into running now is to encourage my patients and everyone else to run for the health benefits," said

Anzai.

According to Lt. Col. Gloria Twilley, 77th MDG chief nurse executive and fellow running enthusiast, Anzai's perseverance is a trait worth imitating.

"Dr. Anzai's accomplishment means a lot to all of us," said Twilley, "He sets an outstanding example for his patients and puts his advice into practice. I'm excited for him and proud of him. He is truly a great role model for any athlete to emulate"

Cinco de Mayo celebrates victory

By Alica Doyle
Staff Writer

Though often mistakenly referred to as "Mexican Independence Day", May 5 actually commemorates the 138th anniversary

of the battle of Puebla, Mexico. The year 1862 saw newly independent Mexico struggling with internal political chaos, the aftermath of two wars, and insurmountable debts. France's emperor, Napoleon saw an opportunity to expand his empire and installed Archduke Maximilian of Austria as ruler of Mexico.



French soldiers invaded the gulf coast of Mexico and made their way toward the capitol city. Though sympathetic to Mexico, American President Abraham Lincoln was in the midst of his own civil war, and

unable to assist.

General Ignacio Zaragosa Seguin led a poorly armed Mexican militia of 4,000 against a French invading force nearly three times larger. Despite overwhelming odds, the Mexican patriots soundly defeated the French army, sparking the yearly celebration known today.

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decision-making process, recognizing that informed employees and union involvement adds value to the quality of a decision; build trust and treat each other as equals, with respect and appreciation for each party's role and responsibilities.

Currently, the AFMC/AFGE Partnership Council is co-chaired by Dr. Dan Stewart, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Jim Davis, president AFGE C-214, Warner Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Other council members are Jim Barone, SM-ALC director, and Jim Franco, Local 1857; Dr. Mike Caluda, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; Scott Blanch, executive vice president, AFGE C-214, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; James Papa, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; Rose Reed, Local 2263, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM; Garry Richey, Wright-Patterson AFB; and W. D. Whiting, Local 1757, San Antonio, Texas.

Locally, the center established a partnership council in 1994 shortly after the President issued Executive Order 12871, Labor-Management Partnerships. The McClellan partnership council has been an example to the command of the efficacy of partnership. The council has been instrumental in ensuring those personnel and programs transition from McClellan with professionalism and honor. The council proved that a collaborative relationship between labor and management benefits everyone. They have demonstrated conclusively that labor-management partnerships are the path to the future.

SWAP MEET

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Stroller -- Peg-Perego Milano series baby stroller, navy blue and cream, 1 year old, gently used, pd \$200, asking \$90 obo. Call 422-7332.

Television -- Samsung 19" color with remote; \$75. Call 332-4679.

Waterbed -- Maple finished supersingle waterbed on pedestal with four drawers, mirrored headboard, liner, mattress and heater, \$150 obo. Call (530) 633-0896.

Miscellaneous

Moving Sale -- 33 MHz 486SX Win 95, 13" SVGA monitor, keyboard, \$100 obo; Krups Espresso, \$40; Video stands, \$20 ea or \$30 both; Noritake "Rosalie" luncheon set for 9 with extra serving pieces, \$250 obo; Beveled glass curio case, \$10. Call 348-6941.

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The deadline is noon, Wednesday for possible publication in the following Thursday's issue. Only one Swap ad per household per week, up to 50 words, may be submitted.

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